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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

CongVan Tran

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/07/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kitahara et al. (2002/0046035).

Regarding claim 1, Kitahara discloses a system for providing location-based translation services through a wireless device, the system (see fig.1, element 1 and its description) comprising: a network node storing data related to probable languages spoken according to geographic location, the network node transmitting to the wireless device a target language according to the location of the wireless device (see fig.1, elements 1000, 7, 10 and its description).

Regarding claim 2, Kitahara further discloses wherein a user, from a status of being able to generally choose applications on the wireless device, may select translation services via a single input to the wireless device and wherein the target translation language will be pre-selected (see fig.5, element 1, 101 and its description).

3. Claims 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dietz (6,385,586).

Regarding claims 5-9, Dietz discloses an apparatus for providing location-based translation services to a wireless device, the apparatus receiving a location of the wireless device, (see fig.2, element 201 and its description) the apparatus comprising: a processor (see fig.2, element 203 and its description); and a language and location database module storing at least one target language according to geographic area, wherein the processor is coupled to the language and location database and using the location of the wireless device, the language and location database module returns at least one target language for transmission to the wireless device through a wireless network (see fig.2, elements 203, 209, col.4 lines 31-64 and its description).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 3-4, and 10-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dietz (6,385,586) in view of Kitahara et al. (2002/0046035).

Regarding claims 3-4, and 10-25, Dietz discloses a method of providing location-based translation services on a wireless device, the method comprising: determining a location of the wireless device (see fig.2, col.4 lines 31-64 and its description); associating the location of the wireless device with a probable target language (see fig.2, elements 203, 209, col.4 lines 31-64 and its description); transmitting data associated with the probable target language to the wireless device (see fig.2, elements

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201, 203, col.4 lines 31-64 and its description); and Kitahara discloses prioritizing the probable target language in a menu system on the wireless device, such that when a user selects a translation services application from a general application choice status, the probable target language is pre-selected (see fig.5, element 1, 101 and its description). Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use Kitahara's target language is pre-selected in Dietz's system in order to improve the use of language translation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CongVan Tran whose telephone number is 703-305-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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